

DESCRIPTION

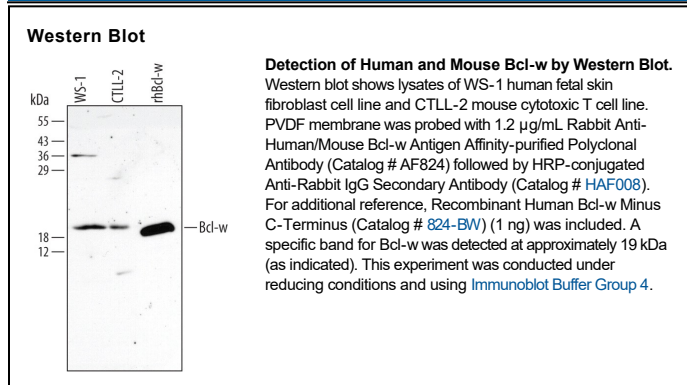
Species Reactivity	Human/Mouse
Specificity	Detects human and mouse Bcl-w in Western blots.
Source	Polyclonal Rabbit IgG
Purification	Antigen Affinity-purified
Immunogen	KLH-coupled human/mouse Bcl-w synthetic peptide Gly32-Asp51 Accession # Q92843
Formulation	Lyophilized from a 0.2 µm filtered solution in PBS with Trehalose. See Certificate of Analysis for details. *Small pack size (-SP) is supplied either lyophilized or as a 0.2 µm filtered solution in PBS.

APPLICATIONS

Please Note: Optimal dilutions should be determined by each laboratory for each application. *General Protocols* are available in the *Technical Information* section on our website.

	Recommended Concentration	Sample
Western Blot	1.2 µg/mL	See Below

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PREPARATION AND STORAGE

Reconstitution	Reconstitute at 0.2 mg/mL in sterile PBS.
Shipping	The product is shipped at ambient temperature. Upon receipt, store it immediately at the temperature recommended below. *Small pack size (-SP) is shipped with polar packs. Upon receipt, store it immediately at -20 to -70 °C
Stability & Storage	Use a manual defrost freezer and avoid repeated freeze-thaw cycles. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 12 months from date of receipt, -20 to -70 °C as supplied. ● 1 month, 2 to 8 °C under sterile conditions after reconstitution. ● 6 months, -20 to -70 °C under sterile conditions after reconstitution.

BACKGROUND

Bcl-w, also called Bcl-2 like protein 2, is a member of the Bcl-2 family of proteins that regulates outer mitochondrial membrane permeability (1, 2). Bcl-w is an anti-apoptotic member that prevents release of cytochrome c from the mitochondria intermembrane space into the cytosol. Bcl-w is required for normal sperm maturation (3, 4, 5). Natural Bcl-w contains a carboxyl-terminal mitochondria targeting sequence. Recombinant Bcl-w missing the mitochondrial targeting sequence maintains its ability to neutralize pro-apoptotic Bcl-2 family members. Neutralization by Bcl-w appears to be through binding the BH3 region of pro-apoptotic Bcl-2 family members. This activity does not require the mitochondrial targeting sequence.

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